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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Submission Accompanying Request for Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)

United States Patent and Trademark Office P.O. Box 2327 Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Sir:

This is a submission accompanying a concurrently filed request for continued examination in connection with Application Number 09/630,931. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND RESUBMISSION OF REFERENCES

The instant application was filed on August 2, 2000. During the pendency of this application, Applicant submitted four properly completed Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) to the PTO. Of present concern is an IDS that was submitted to the PTO on August 21, 2001. This IDS included a properly completed form PTO-1449, copies of the 60 references listed therein and a properly addressed return postcard. On August 27, 2001, Applicant received the return postcard, which indicated that the PTO received Applicant's IDS and the accompanying references on August 23, 2001.